



## Editorial

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### Abstract:

We now know that nearly one quarter of the global disease burden, and up to one third in developing countries, is due to modifiable environmental risks. Water, sanitation and hygiene contribute a large proportion of this. Enormous costs arise to individuals and to society at large because of these environmental risks, whether through the remorseless burden of water-related disease in poor households or the spectacular costs to rich and poor nations alike of environmental measures to delay the emergence of an epidemic strain of influenza. These costs are borne by the health sector and society at large quietly and often unknowingly – exerting little influence on critical ‘upstream’ causes themselves – environmental pollution, environmental degradation and inadequate environmental health services.

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### Resource Description

#### Communication: ☒

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

#### Communication Audience: ☒

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional, Policymaker

#### Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Unspecified Exposure

#### Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

#### Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

# Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

Global or Unspecified

## **Health Impact:**

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact

## **Intervention:**

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

A focus of content

## **Medical Community Engagement:**

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

A focus of content

## **Mitigation/Adaptation:**

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

## **Population of Concern:** A focus of content

## **Population of Concern:**

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Low Socioeconomic Status

## **Resource Type:**

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

## **Timescale:**

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified